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1. [ ] Discussed with Darrell St. Claire, Chief Clerk in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the members and organization of certain committees in the new Congress and certain problems regarding some of the personalities involved.

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2. [ ] Brief Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, on recent Soviet naval developments.

Preston said that in view of the new rules laid down by the Democratic caucus, the group handling Agency affairs would probably no longer refer to itself as a "subcommittee" but would probably be spoken of only as "the group" or something of the sort. He said he foresaw no changes in the membership or procedures.

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3. [ ] Briefed Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, on recent developments regarding the Soviet navy.

Blandford said no decision has yet been made on how the Committee will handle Agency matters.

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4. [ ] Met with Representative William E. Minshall (R., Ohio), of the House Appropriations Committee, whom I briefed on recent developments including [ ] and

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[ ]  
Minshall said that, although Secretary Laird had tried to explain to him what actually happened in connection with the Son Tay raid, he was still confused. I told him about the very limited role of the Agency, and said I couldn't throw much light on any other aspects of the operation. He said he understood from Laird that Agency reports had indicated the presence of American prisoners at the camp just six weeks before the raid. I said the only report I was aware of in this connection was one from a defector whose most recent knowledge was some six months before the raid.

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6. [ ] Received a call from Mrs. Carol Berde, Administrative Assistant to Representative Ogden Reid (R., N.Y.), who requested, if possible for Friday, a briefing by [ ] OCI, updating the information previously given Representative Reid on the Middle East. [ ] has been advised.

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7. [ ] In handling a rather routine constituent inquiry from Mr. George Harsh of Kingston, New Jersey, which had been referred to us by Senator Case's office, I encountered Mr. John Marks of the Senator's staff. (We believe Marks is primarily responsible for developing Senator Case's position on Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty.) We handled the constituent inquiry without difficulty and there was no substantive discussion of the Radio issue. See Memorandum for the Record.

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8. [ ] In a chance meeting with Captain Ed Bauser, Director, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, at lunch, he asked if I would look into a recent crash of an aircraft carrying a number of prominent French scientists. I told him I would do this and be back in touch with him.

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10. [redacted] Hand-carried to Dorothy Fosdick, on the staff of the Senate Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, a mounted copy of a sterile Agency map of the Middle East.

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